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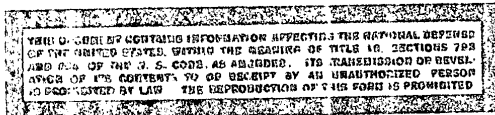
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SUBJECT Guards for the Ministry of Railroads;
Condition of Tracks and Equipment

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1. On 3 August 1954, a training course started for the combat unit of the Ministry of Railroads at 7) Wilhelm Strasse in Berlin. It included close-order drill and ordnance instruction and was held from 1700 to 2000 every day. A small-bore target range was established at Krausenstrasse where firing practices will soon take place. In the morning of 4 August, a total of 25 double-decker bunks with mattresses and blankets arrived and were distributed as follows: 4 units to Tauben Strasse, 8 units to Voss Strasse and 13 units to Krausen Strasse. After completion of the course, the members of the combat unit are to guard the buildings of the Ministry of Railroads after office hours.¹
2. Prior to 25 May 1954, a total of 5,748 locomotives were inspected. The inspection yielded the following results: 241 units in excellent condition, 1,526 in good condition, 1,958 satisfactory, 673 operable, and 1,350 must be repaired.²
3. The tabulation of slow-down sections in the RBD Halle, valid between 27 June and 10 July 1954, indicated that since early July 1954 the Dessau-Bitterfeld railroad line has again been operated double-track.³

1. Comment. Sections of the Ministry of Railroads are located in buildings on the streets mentioned.

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2. Comment. According to previous information, the following steam locomotives, including serviceable and damaged locomotives, were available in the GDR on 30 June 1954:

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State-owned locomotives	5,359
Column locomotives	374
Foreign-owned locomotives	770
Standard-gauge locomotives	6,503
Narrow-gauge locomotives	232
Total	6,735

The inspection showed that the park of locomotives is in very bad condition. Inspections made in the fall of 1953 showed that about 63 percent of the total number of locomotives are more than 34 years old. A steam locomotive should usually be deactivated after 25 years.

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3.  Comment: The reconstruction of the second track of the Dessau-Wolfen (Bitterfeld) railroad line was included in the 1954 construction program. 

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 Soviet type R 50 rails and rail spikes with springs were used instead of screws and joint bars used for German rail types.

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